

RESOLUTION NO. 66-13

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A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 5 BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH PROPOSES UNIFORMITY MEASURES FOR MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE FORM OF UNFUNDED MANDATES AND A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE FOR MUNICIPALITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, municipalities agree that revenue neutral uniformity on issues that will ease compliance burdens for businesses in Ohio would be of great benefit to all of Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities also agree that revenue neutral uniformity on issues that would ease compliance burdens for businesses would attract new business to the state and fuel the create of new jobs; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities in Ohio, with the support of the Ohio Municipal League, have supported and participated in discussions of uniformity for the past thirteen years and worked to achieve uniformity in many areas of municipal income tax; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities have been responsive in the past to efforts to streamline the rules and regulations and create uniformity in the overwhelming majority of local tax codes; and,

WHEREAS, the state legislature continues to cut local revenues resulting in fewer services for residents and forcing municipalities to pass tax levies and increase fees; and,

WHEREAS, recent reductions in the Local Government Fund has resulted in a severe loss of revenue for the City of Parma; and,

WHEREAS, the elimination of the estate tax shall result in a great loss of revenue for the City of Parma; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill 5 would define for all cities what income is taxed and how it's taxed; severely restricting municipalities ability to collect local income taxes; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill 5 includes provisions that require State oversight of municipal income tax administrations, administrative policies and procedures for municipal income tax collection which would dramatically hamper the ability of municipalities to administer local taxes in an effective manner; and,

WHEREAS, these measures taken by the State Legislature, have lead to loss of revenue for municipalities forcing local governments to cut basic services to residents and to resident businesses; and,

WHEREAS, only municipalities can and will provide the personal service and assistance to its taxpayers in the preparation and filing of their tax reports and returns, prompt and proper auditing and compliance; and,

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WHEREAS, provisions in this bill creates increased cost of administration due to burdensome notification requirements, reduces revenue due to unfunded mandates and elimination of compliance processes; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities must fight to protect their single largest revenue source, which provides essential municipal services, promoting a positive quality of life that residents and businesses alike rely upon, and any forced reduction in this revenue will have a negative impact on residents and businesses, creating an environment detrimental to retaining and attracting business in Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby opposes House Bill 5 which is known as “Municipal Income Tax Uniformity” Bill.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to State Representative Nicholas Celebrezze and Senator Michael Skindell.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to submit the City’s opposition to this measure prior to a vote by the Ohio General Assembly, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO